Minutes from Deacon Meeting –UnApproved

May 15, 2023

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| **Deacon** | **Attend** | **Deacon** | **Attend** |
| Anderson, Larry | P | Moberg, Steve | P |
| Colle, Josiah | A | Phelan, Steve | P |
| Cooper, Barry | P | Scheneman, Dan | P |
| Failing, Debbie | P | Smith, Dave | A |
| Fry, Diane | V |  |  |
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| Pastor Cable, Ritchey | P | Vande Polder, Don | P |

V is Virtual/Zoom

* Quorum (6) is established.
* Opening Prayer at 6:20 pm by Larry Anderson
* The March minutes were approved.
  + Moved by Steve Moberg and seconded by Steve Phelan.
* **Ministries of Mercy discussion: Chapter 11 - Expanding Your Vision.**

Pastor Cable started the conversation suggesting that we should always approach the text through the lens of the biblical scriptures.

No author is perfect, John Stott, CS Lewis and Tim Keller author of our current text. Each has their own thoughts and approach.

There was discussion regarding the addition of the author’s inclusion of political positions. It felt by some to be divisive. It seemed inappropriate to view mercy thru those eyes.

Don suggested we should always be able to discuss together differences in views.

Dan was encouraged by the text to be challenged to think broader.

It was concluded that the basis of the chapter had much to offer and much to consider in our efforts towards mercy in the community.

Old / New Business:

* **Ministries of Mercy discussion: Chapter 12 – Managing Your Ministry.**

**Coodinating**: Don VandePolder reporting

* The team is working on personnel issues.
* Water meter kill order has been taken care of. Elizabeth Dugan accepted notorized statement. The property team will alert Don if the billing continues.

**Team Reports**

1. **Finance**: Larry Anderson reporting.

* Discussed electronic giving statements being sent out for first 3 quarters.
* The Mothers Room was completed and looks welcoming.
* The outdoor sign is the next to be completed.
* A team for the next Auditing process is being discussed
* Giving is up above a year ago.
* Some miss-coding of lines is being discussed

A suggestions from the deacon group was to consider putting some of our cash into a CD (CDAR)

1. **Helps**: Diane Fry reporting.

* Our April picnic was a success, even though it was a bit chilly everyone seemed to enjoy and appreciate it. Comments – The bingo was fun
* We presented to the new members class on April 30, 2023.

1. **Mercy**:

Josiah was absent tonight. The Mercy team is meeting this Thursday.

1. **Property**: Barry Cooper reporting

* The gutters on Amos house are back up.
* Gashland and Turning Point are teaming up to use Amos house for short term lodging.
* Still determining the best plan for the draining issues and the completing of the courtyard.
* The community garden is available for the surrounding community to use.

**Pastor’s Report:**

* Executive session was called by Pastor Cable.

W.O.W Report /Prayer Requests:

* Dan expressed a WOW for the a friend thru God’s guidance received a miracle, adopted a baby Ty.

Closing Prayer: Barry Cooper

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm

Next In-person/Zoom meeting: June 13, 2023 @6:15 pm

Moderator — Barry Cooper

Vice Moderator — Steve Moberg

Clerk — Debbie Failing